

for the greater. It is a good bargain; but what must we think of the man who would give anything for this present life which would put in jeopardy that which is to come.

A Good Sized Pond

It is said that the beer which is consumed thru-out the world in a single year would make a lake six feet deep, three and three-fourths miles long, a mile wide, or 2,319 acres. In this vast lake of beer we could easily drown all the English speaking people, to the number of 120,000,000, in the whole world. The money that this lake costs, the health it destroys, the minds it stupefies, the bodies it brutalizes, the souls it besots, the happiness it destroys, the waste it implies, the progress it nullifies, the corruption it generates, the debauchery it fosters, and many other indictments equally as damaging, form altogether one of the dainty problems of the twentieth century civilization. We venture to say that if all the beer and whisky in the world were bought up by a syndicate as fast as it was manufactured, and fed to the cows, horses and hogs instead of to men, women and children, that every legislature, congress, parliament, king, emperor and czar in the universe would immediately pass the most stringent prohibitory legislation. The manufacture and sale of the stuff would be stopped at once. It would never do to destroy our livestock, but to damn and to destroy men, women and children doesn't matter so much. What's the use to make such a fuss about a little matter like that?

The Dead Queen

Queen Victoria died last week, and never before in the history of the world has there been so universal and so sincere a testimony of esteem and affection for a monarch. As kings and queens and emperors have gone in the past history of the world, one whose long life was stainless, whose great influence always made for purity, and peace, and righteousness, stands so conspicuously alone and singular that the whole world breaks into almost extravagant eulogy. Victoria not only kept her own court pure, but her immense influence was successfully exerted to cleanse the Aegean stables of other European courts, so that these once seething dens of iniquity have become decent and respectable. All honor to the memory of the old Queen. Her works will follow her. Well may the millions of her empire mourn, for they will never see another Victoria, mother of her people, empress of their hearts.

Ashland City Church

A few weeks ago, after the morning sermon, Brother Miller appointed a committee whose duty it should be to look into the matter of some needed repair of the chapel where the Ashland city church worships. A week later the committee reported, itemizing the repairs necessary and giving as the estimated cost \$225. This was to include rebuilding and enlarging the platform, papering sides and ceiling, painting and varnishing, carpet, and putting in a new furnace. In just 12 minutes, \$217 of the \$225 was raised, and the balance could easily have been raised, but was left for those not present. When these repairs are made the Ash-

land city church will have a very neat and comfortable place in which to worship. It is an easy matter to raise money for something the people really want and need.

Ashland College

Ashland College is doing excellent work. Its progress is most satisfactory, and probably meets the expectation of its most sanguine friends. Yet the school is not at this time what it *ought* to be because it is not what it *might* be. In all Christian work the "ought" is limited only by the "might," in other words the measure of human duty in the matter of Christian activity is ability to do. Of the present needs of the school we shall speak next week. Brother E. L. Yoder in his communication a few weeks ago referred to the progress of the Brethren church during the eighteen years since its reorganization, its growth in numbers, in wealth, in spiritual power, and especially noted its development along educational lines. Now in this line of Christian work as in all others we have not accomplished what we should have accomplished, but it is pleasing to note the contrast between those days and the present. By way of contrast Brother Yoder refers to the fact that at the time of the founding of Ashland College the greatest obstacle in the way of its immediate success was lack of intellectually qualified men for a properly and well equipped faculty. It was found necessary to go out of the way, even out of Tunker territory, and take from a Presbyterian Seminary in Kentucky a man qualified to be placed at the head of the institution. Such is no longer the case, and if Brother Yoder were here now to visit for several days the different classrooms he would be yet more confirmed of the truth to which he gave utterance.

We now have men thoroughly competent to carry forward the work of a first class College. And, not only do we have such men in the church, but what is better, we have them here, right here at Ashland, hard at work building up an educational institution for the Brethren church. They are men eminently qualified for the work to which they have been called, and they are faithful to their calling and in their calling. They are qualified intellectually and spiritually; they are consecrated, self-sacrificing men, willing to give the very best days of their life to this most important department of Christian work. Probably if the brotherhood knew the meagre salary paid these men and the irregularity with which it is paid them, they would yet more appreciate the services they are rendering to the church. Brother Miller at the head of the school, and dean of the theological department; Brother Furry of the department of Philosophy and Latin; Brother Witter of the department of Science; Brother Garber in charge of English,—from these men the brotherhood may feel assured of nothing but the very best work. If these men knew, at this moment, what we are writing, their modesty would protest, but what we have written are facts, and some day (it will not be long) when the whole brotherhood will have been touched, helped, uplifted, by the spiritual influences and the intelligent forces that have gone out from this educational center of the church, thousands of men and women with money stored away will feel ashamed for having withheld support from Christianity's most powerful human agency.